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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2006. Pending claims 84-107 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, first paragraph. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for two-months extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.